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We're going to pick up our study here and get into the details. And again, as with so many things that we look at, this is an example. We're not singling out Jonathan Kahn for special criticism.

I think it's fun. I would gladly watch any of his videos. And then it gets the wheels turning of my memory of our past studies in scripture or our current studies.

And I go to the passages and look it up. And it is stimulating. It is thought provoking.

And I may not agree with the methodology or necessarily with the conclusions, but you can't get too unhappy with somebody that trusts the Bible to contain God's inspired truth and wants to share some part of it with other people who are enthusiastic. We just want to be careful as to our application. What is it that we come away with? What are we motivated to do? Are we motivated to ride the news channels to see what's going to happen next in circumstances of the world? Or are we motivated to ensure that we are traveling the narrow road by faith, walking by means of the Spirit, filled with the Spirit, thinking our way through with spiritual wisdom, with a pure heart, a good conscience, and a genuine faith? It all has to turn ultimately to what I control, to what I decide, to what I say and what I do.

Even if this were all sterling messages from God coming through circumstances, I'm not in the seat of government. I'm not determining timing for court decisions or people getting elected or unelected from office. To the extent that these things are under God's purview, I can glorify Him for being in control.

But how should I then live? That is always the point of application. You always want to be a little bit cautious when someone leads with a what-if. We've seen this on archaeology programs on television where someone will go and say, what if this is not just a cave? What if this was an assembly point for cannibal worship? Or what if this was this? And then the what-if disappears, and it is that from that point forward.

The what-if sort of quietly disappears. And what was initially slipped under your defenses as, well, I'm just saying it might be possible, then it is an assumed fact. And so these what-if, there's a Bible blueprint for this hour.

I would say that if this is the blueprint, somebody got at it with a pair of scissors, and most of it isn't there because I can only find a few things that line up, and they aren't what I would expect. But the second warning sign, and this is my encouragement just to be perspicacious, to be careful, to be wise, to be calm, to be applying biblical wisdom when you hear a message from someone. The first thing is, if it starts with a lot of what-ifs, I don't have to give you a what-if when we're in Scripture.

What if Paul told Timothy, preach the word in season, out of season, rebuke, exhort with all authority? There's no what-if there. This is how older ladies should behave in fellowship with other believers. Here's what slaves should do.

Here's what men, there is no what-if. It's not, well, maybe you ought to think about potentially, the word of God is the rock on which our house is built. So I'm a little bit skeptical when somebody leads with what-if, and then moves to this second characteristic, which is, this is what the Lord led me to open up.

My uncle was quick on the draw. I sent him the link for these because I know for a fact he's not on our church distribution, although he will be when we clean it up. But I sent it to him separately, and he watched a few minutes and he just texted me back.

He says he was led, and that's all he said. And he and I both know, this has come up before, but I'm just going to read you a few things from the transcript. I've got a full transcript of that 2024 Earthshaking Shattering video.

This is what the Lord led me to open up. On that day, the Lord said to me, I was led to share in my congregation. I was led to do it.

I was led, and I shared the mystery. That mystery was going to come true the next day. He's talking about talking to Beit Israel, his church, I think it's in New Jersey, on October the 6th, which was a Friday night.

And of course, October 7th is when Israel was attacked by Hamas, and there were upwards of 1,400 people killed and hostages taken and so on. And he said that mystery was going to come true the next day. The mystery that I opened in the book ordained there would be an attack on the land of Israel.

It would be a ground invasion. It ordained it would catch Israel by surprise. It ordained it would take place on a Sabbath, that it would happen on a Hebrew holy day.

It would lead to war. It would take place on the first Saturday of October of 2023. My book had come out just 30 days before it was there.

I don't know how many other things are in this mystery that will come true. That's a clue. What does Paul say about the mystery that was entrusted to him? I know whom I have believed.

And I am persuaded that he is able to keep what I've committed to him against that day. I know the truth. Jesus said, you will know the truth.

The truth will set you free. There are conditions on that promise, and you need that in context. But our truth isn't uncertain.

It doesn't leave us in ignorance, watching and waiting to see if in retrospect, we will find

another symmetrical correspondence. And suppose for the moment that there was supposed to be, that God put the Jubilee. His notion is going to be that this is a prophetic journey.

The mystery that I was led to in this book begins in Cuba with Fidel Castro, and he's going to go down to Cuba and talk with Castro. He's going to hand him a shofar, and he's going to tell him that he is under a Jubilee prophecy and that his rule in Cuba is going to last just 49 years, 49 or 50, depending on what fits best. Sometimes the Jubilee interval is 49 and sometimes it's 50.

So the idea here is, my response is in Genesis chapter 24, verse 27. This is Abraham's servant who goes up to Abraham's people to Nahor. Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham.

This is Genesis 24, 27. Who has not forsaken his mercy and his truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren.

If somebody starts claiming that the Lord led them to say or led them to write or led them to do a thing, what is the biblical foundation for the Lord leading? I think that there is certainly divine guidance. It is one of our blessings, one of our privileges. One of the things that we have in Christ is guidance.

How does that guidance come? Jonathan Cahn doesn't give the details of how he was led to write or to say these things that he mentions. Here's what Abraham's servant says. Being on the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren.

This, by the way, is the record of a prayer. This is not a testimony the servant is giving to others. Genesis 24, 27.

The servant is praying to God and says, Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham. He is thanking God for answering his prayer that his journey and his mission would be blessed by God with success. It's a worthy thing that Isaac have a bride from God's people and not from the nations, not do like Esau and Mary into the pagan people of the land, not get tangled up like Samson will do generations later with Delilah and the Philistines.

So when he meets Rebecca and his prayer is answered, and there is a prior understanding between the servant and the Lord that this mission on behalf of his master, which has a godly intent and is bathed in prayer, blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham. This is gratitude. This is thanksgiving.

He has not forsaken his mercy and his truth toward my master. This coming across Rebecca, meeting her at the well and having her express generosity of spirit by watering his camels is an answered prayer that was expected. The Lord led me in his mercy and his truth.

This prayer for guidance was answered with guidance to accomplish a clear and godly personal purpose that was assigned in advance. The servant really doesn't have a choice. Abraham sends him, he's got to go.

So the servant prays to God as Abraham prays that this will be met with success. It has a rock solid foundation in the will and the word of God. God has already told Abraham, in Isaac, your seed will be called.

Well, if that's going to be the line, we've got to ensure that the mother of that seed is a worthy woman and that God will bless the selection. And anytime someone starts invoking, you know, I got a word from the Lord, I was led, I was led, I was led. And this is repeated over and over again.

There is a known member of the species of fallacies, the classical list of fallacies called argument from authority or appeal to authority, where what I am saying or what I am about to say doesn't just rest on my arguments and my explanations. This is from God. If I tell you that I was led and God spoke to me and I had a word from the Lord, and now I'm going to tell you what that was.

I'm invoking the Lord's authority for something that I am saying or some interpretation that I am pulling from the word of God. My appeal always has been and always will be. And any good teacher of the word of God will tell you that the authority is in the word of God, not in my understanding of it.

And when the Bereans heard preaching of Christ, they went to the scriptures to see if these things were so. That's what we do because the authority, the affirmation of whether or not it's true is in scripture, not in how many details can I match? How excited can I get you that this lasted 50 years? And so did that. So the proper authority for a message from God is God's own word, not something that resides in the messenger, not some claim made by the messenger.

Even the apostle Paul said, I determined to know nothing among you except Christ and him crucified. That is a truth that doesn't depend on any claim of apostleship. I am just telling you, Christ came, he's the son of God, and he was crucified.

He is the atoning sacrifice for sins. Our godly objectives are personal and known in advance. Do you know what God's objectives are for your life? Nod your head yes, because you do.

You know his objective. What is it? Faith, hope, and love worked out in the power of God, the spirit and the word reflected, emanating forth. The arm of flesh will fail you.

Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord. He's going to be like a shrub in the desert. He won't see good when it comes, right? It's one of our memory verses.

Be filled with the spirit. Bear the fruit of the spirit. Abide in the vine and bear much fruit.

When God comes along to prune a branch, it is so that it will bear more fruit. We receive chastening from the Lord as sons who are loved by the Father. Note the kind of authentication God gives to genuine messengers in scripture.

If God is leading and God is giving someone a fresh word, how will we know that there is a third testament on the way? There is more inspired message from God, separate and distinct from scripture. How will we know that that time has come? Let me ask you this. Did Old Testament saints know that the New Testament was coming, that there would be apostles who would write inspired scripture and reveal mysteries that were heretofore unknown? Did they see that coming? How did they know that this is something they should accept as from God? How did they know it? Those messengers were authenticated.

They had the divine ID card of miraculous power to heal, to survive snake bites, to predict that as long as you do what I say, we won't lose a single man in this shipwreck. I'm thinking of Paul, uh, the Lord Jesus. Jesus said, if you don't believe my words, you don't think my words are from God.

Look at the signs, believe those because that's a manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence. And if you see someone do a genuine 24 carat gold incontrovertible miracle, now you can pay attention to what he has to say. Be aware that there are lying signs and wonders and Satan masquerades as a messenger of light.

Angel is messenger. But unless and until someone is authenticated by God as a bringer of fresh inspired truth, this is our truth. And the Holy Spirit is with us to interpret it.

I don't need another Holy Spirit inspired messenger. I've got the Holy Spirit within me. And in this age, that's why there are not Holy Spirit inspired messengers bringing fresh information.

God said, I'm, I'm giving you this information through messengers that I authenticate with my spirit. Once they've got their message, you have the spirit. The spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God and we don't need Holy Spirit messengers anymore.

It's in the word and you have the spirit within you. We've got aides in terms of pastors and teachers, but the heart and the meat of the message, the point of the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God is internal to us. So caution.

When you hear someone say, I was led, I have a word. God spoke to me. I'm going to wait for God to speak to me because I know exactly who's talking and I know where that word is coming from.

It is his word and it is his spirit for me individually. So this Cuba thing, I'm going to largely skip over the fact that Castro came to power somewhere in 1959 and resigned in February, 2008, and it's 49 years. Okay.

I can give you plenty of examples of things that lasted 50 years, i.e. a jubilee. The United Nations Trusteeship Council in 1945 was established as one of the main organs of the United Nations to oversee the administration of trust territories. It lasted exactly 50 years.

The last trust territory, Palau, was independent in 1994. So from 1945 to 1994, the UN had the Trusteeship Council and it managed these territories that needed to be prepared for self-governance. It took them exactly 50 years.

Was that a jubilee? Well, it isn't interesting and exciting. There's not blood or election malfeasance or whatever. So people don't want to see that as a biblical jubilee, but it was 50 years.

The Apollo program began with Kennedy's speech in 1961, led to the moon landings and continued. The last moon landing was in '72, but the legacy, including spacecraft and infrastructure, continued to influence NASA's missions until the space shuttle Atlantis retired in 2011. The last space shuttle, 2011, so it's 61 to 2011, 50 years.

It's a jubilee. Significant? Maybe not. This year is the 50th anniversary of a national speed limit.

Nixon signed it into law in January of 1974. So this is the jubilee of the speed limit on national highways. By the way, just a couple of weeks ago was the 50th anniversary of Nixon's resignation.

Something you could much more easily say, well, is there a jubilee? Is somebody going to resign? Oh, look, President Biden decided not to run for a second term. Is it a Nixon jubilee symmetry? Well, it's pretty hard to make anything work, but that's a 50-year thing. They both end with N, Nixon and Biden.

There you go. There's the same number of letters, B-I-D-E-N-N-I-X-O-N. Who knows how many other symmetries you could find.

I'm sure you've seen the list of correspondences between the Lincoln assassination and the Kennedy assassination, both had a vice president named Johnson. You know, one guy is shot in a theater and the guy runs to a warehouse. The other guy's shot in a warehouse.

I don't know. You can pull up that list. It's kind of spooky to see some of these and they're a bit stretched, but there's enough of them that Arsenio Hall would put his hand on his chin and say, hmm, if you remember that, that's probably 50 years ago now.

Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record exactly 50 years ago this year. That was 74. If you go to Wikipedia and pull up the year 1974, there's all kinds of 50-year anniversaries this year from that.

Let me give you a final example of this because this is emblematic of the principle. I have a mystery I want to share with you that happened to me. I was driving down the road.

I have Pandora and I pay so that there are no ads. And they mysteriously launched a new channel on Pandora that I didn't choose, didn't ask for. It's the classic vinyl channel or something.

And it just came up in my truck. I've got one of those front panel displays. And all of a sudden, Pandora started playing this classic vinyl channel instead of my solo piano channels, of which I've got several.

So I'm hearing these rock songs from days gone by and it was kind of reminiscent of days gone by. So I'm driving on I-44 and a song comes on and it's Jefferson Starship, formerly Jefferson Airplane. And it's this song called Miracles.

I was already thinking about our special for miracles. And so Miracles comes on my Pandora channel through no fault of my own. Just as the hill in Catoosa and I can see the Hard Rock Cafe and Casino Resort and Casino, they've got a gigantic one of the biggest animated signs you'll ever see.

It's got video stuff on it. Just as I crest the hill, Jefferson Starship comes up on that sign and it's got the very same picture that is on the dashboard of my truck. There's an orange background and brighter yellow with a special font that says Jefferson Starship.

It's identical. I look at my dash. I look at the sign.

This sign at Hard Rock is on like a five minute rotation. When you see something, you're not going to see it again for four or five minutes. It's just revolving ads.

But just as I crest the hill, this thing comes up and there's this correspondence. Jefferson Starship is singing miracles out of my radio. And here's a sign that says Jefferson Starship.

They're coming to the Hard Rock in November, I think. Not only that, but it is celebrating their appearance at Hard Rock is celebrating 50 years of rock and roll. It's on the sign.

1974, 2024, 50 years of rock and roll on the sign. It's a jubilee. What are the odds? I watched that sign all the way through Catoosa, all the way in my rear view mirror until it was out of sight.

And I had to turn to, you know, you can either go to the airport on 244 or head for

downtown Tulsa. That never came up again. It only came up while I was driving by.

So is God sending me a message? No, no, God is not sending me a message. It is one of those freak coincidences that sometime happen. Should I start listening to other Jefferson Starship songs? Should I go to the concert at the Hard Rock? You know, what what application would you make? Yeah.

So this is the question to ask if something like these con books and videos come up. What is the personal application? Because it is all about how we then live. Should I think differently? Should I choose differently? Should I understand differently? Where is my service to God and the reflection of his glory and the representing of the Lord Jesus Christ as his body as a result of this thing? Starship, I got nothing.

I got nothing. Is God speaking through one of the lyrics? You know, this is the same band. I think they might have an airplane when they came out with the White Rabbit, you know, Go Ask Alice.

I mean, the words of that song make about as much sense as Stairway to Heaven, which is admittedly from the authors just nonsense. So no, God is not speaking through a correspondence of seemingly unlikely circumstances or events. So Kahn goes on to talk about the Jubilee, and he says this mystery is going to affect America and all of our lives.

Because in 1970, America took something that didn't belong to it. He's talking about the Jubilee. You heard this.

The Jubilee is a time of restoration. What you have that doesn't belong to you is restored to its rightful owners and so on. I don't have time, because we've already seen this in the past, but you understand the biblical doctrines related to the year of Jubilee.

This is for Israel only. We are not Israel. This is not any debts that you have outside the land.

This is brother to brother. This is within the tribes, within the land. If your brother leases his land to you so that he can get by, you've got to restore it to him in the year of Jubilee.

Seven sevens. And you count the Sabbaths in the same way that Pentecost is 50 days after Passover. Jubilee is 50 years after the last Jubilee.

There are some who think that when the Lord Jesus read from Isaiah and proclaimed the year of the Lord, freedom from the captives and so on, that the year in which he began his public ministry and read that Isaiah passage in the synagogue may have been an actual Jubilee year. But Israel stopped observing Jubilees before the Babylonian captivity, and they have not observed it or even tracked it. You can't really know when a Jubilee year is anymore.

Nobody can figure it out, because that was all lost during the captivity. And actually, even before the captivity, part of their loss of obedience was not keeping track anymore. So the Jubilees that Jonathan Cahn points out, some of them relate to Israel.

And there's 1897 and 1947. And you could say, well, that's interesting that somebody said something in 97 predicting Israel, and then the United Nations votes to let them be a nation again in 47. And then you have a different one for the 1967 war from 1917.

And he gets these 50-year intervals, but everything doesn't happen on a solid Jubilee year according to Israel's calendar. They're just events separated by 50 years. That's not a biblical way to count Jubilees or to invoke Jubilees or the truths that they contain.

You can find somebody giving back something in almost any activity on the national stage. But he wants to associate it with Roe v. Wade. And so in 1970, this is when four states legalized some forms of abortion.

And so let me give you just a real quick history, because he a lot about abortion. It makes a big deal out of the fact that the invocation and nullification of Roe v. Wade was 50 years apart. It actually wasn't.

It was 49 and change. The Supreme Court decision was before the 50th anniversary, and there was no malice or forethought in trying to time it. That court case went through the system for years.

But from the American Revolution to the mid-19th century, abortion was not an issue of significant controversy. Most held to the traditional Protestant Christian belief that personhood began at quickening somewhere in the 18 to 21 week timeframe. This is the point at which the mother notices that there is life in her womb.

There she has signs of life. It's more than, you know, I missed a cycle or this is 18 to 21 weeks. It was legal prior to quickening in every state under common law to terminate a pregnancy prior to quickening.

Prior to the 18 to 21, it was just sort of a general understanding based on tradition. Connecticut was the first state to regulate abortion in 1821. It outlawed abortion after quickening, the moment in pregnancy when the pregnant woman starts to feel the fetus's movement in the uterus, and Connecticut forbade the use of poisons to induce an abortion post quickening.

Many states passed various laws on abortion all the way until Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decriminalized abortion nationwide in 1973. The Roe decision imposed a federally mandated uniform framework for state legislation on the subject. It also established a minimum period during which abortion is legal, more or fewer restrictions throughout the pregnancy.

Evangelical Christians were initially generally either supportive or indifferent to Roe. And I know this from my knowledge of Dr. Criswell, who went on record saying he has always felt that when Roe was passed and they asked him about it, he said, well, I've always felt that this is a decision to be made between a woman, God, and her doctor. And it wasn't until a decade or so later that he came out very staunchly opposed.

But in 1970, Alaska, Hawaii, New York, and Washington changed laws to legalize abortions in 1970 ahead of Roe. By the way, the pill, contraception by means of pill, that happened in 1960. So come 50 years forward, did something happen in 2010? No.

So all the Dobbs decision does in canceling out or nullifying Roe is it lifts the federal framework in which states could frame their own abortion laws. And the federal government now says, you're a state, you make up your own mind. Let your citizens decide.

We're not going to set parameters or boundaries for times and exclusions. That's entirely up to a state, which to me ought to be celebrated as a democratic freedom and victory for choice. Let people in smaller groups make up their own minds where they live and not live in Hawaii and dictate what's going to happen in Florida.

And by the way, one of the reasons it was overturned, and you'll never hear this talked about, but there is a weirdness about the federal government mandating something related to a healthcare procedure, a surgery on the body of some kind. No other surgery, no other medical procedure is addressed, guaranteed, prohibited in the constitution. There isn't even a right to healthcare in the United States under the constitution.

If you want to research this, Google elusive right to healthcare under U.S. law, elusive right to healthcare. Is there a right to healthcare in the United States? No. No U.S. Supreme court decision has ever interpreted the constitution as guaranteeing a right to healthcare for Americans.

The constitution does not contain the words health, healthcare, medical care, or medicine. So they have had to kind of read it in sideways under things like due process and rights to privacy, but it's not in the constitution. So why take this one procedure and make federal laws based on a court decision that is allegedly interpreting the constitution? That's what the Supreme court does, is figure out what the constitution guarantees.

The reason Roe was overturned is it was a bad legal decision that had no constitutional grounds. Healthcare isn't addressed in the constitution. So the Supreme court cannot opine on what is and isn't guaranteed.

So he goes on to talk about Jeremiah overlooking the valley of Hinnom and so on. And says, and this is Jeremiah chapter six and Jeremiah chapter 21. And that because, turn to

Jeremiah six.

Let's just read it. I like getting back into the word of God in situations like this. Jeremiah chapter six.

There's a lot you can read on this on your own time, but there is a condemnation here. Oh, you children of Benjamin gather yourselves together from the midst of Jerusalem, blow the trumpet. There is, I'm sorry, Jeremiah seven would help to get in the right chapter.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord saying, stand in the gate of the Lord's house, proclaim there this word and say, hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the Lord. What is the context for this word about the valley of Hinnom? This is a word from God through God's ordained and authenticated prophet, Jeremiah. Everybody knows Jeremiah is a prophet of God.

Who is it addressed to? People of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Lord. People who claim to be believers. Amend your ways and your doings and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

Do not trust in lying words. Those who say the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord. There are people talking about God's temple, but it is not God speaking from his temple or God speaking through his prophet.

People talking about the temple, invoking the authority of the temple, acting as though this is a legitimate message. Do not trust in these lying words. If you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, what is the issue for believers? What are your ways and what are your doings? Not what is or isn't going on at the temple or what the church at large is doing or what the government is doing.

Amend your ways and your doings thoroughly. If you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, notice, those with whom you have personal contact, thoroughly amend your ways. Thoroughly execute justice.

Don't seek social justice. You practice justice with your neighbor. If you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, this is you personally coming in contact with them.

Don't oppress them. Don't shed innocent blood in this place or walk after other gods to your hurt. Then I will cause you to dwell in this place in the land I gave your fathers forever and ever in vocation of covenant promise between God and this specific group.

Is there a covenant between God and America? No. Are people guilty if they have an abortion or encourage abortion or lobby for abortion and they are not believers and they are not entering in to worship God? No. It's this entire application of Jeremiah chapter

seven to Roe v. Wade coming and going and abortion and whether or not babies are being killed is tenuous and specious.

He talks about De ver Gadol, meaning a great plague, a contagion, a pandemic. And he says that in 2020, 50 years after the first state's legalized abortion, you have COVID. And so COVID is a judgment on America for legalizing abortion.

Well, all of America began to suffer deaths in 2020, not just New York, Hawaii, and the other two states. So everybody is dying because four states legalized abortion. It wasn't until 73 that they even start tracking national abortions.

If you go back and try to find statistics, the graphs all begin in 73 because that's when the federal mandate, well, COVID didn't come 50 years after 2023. So he's got to go back and find something that corresponds to COVID and say COVID is a judgment for abortions. And he says the penalty is De ver Gadol, the plague, the great.

Guess what? De ver Gadol is not in Jeremiah chapter seven. You got to go clear over to chapter 21 to find that. And so it's only here that where it is mentioned, it's only here that the death of children is mentioned, but it's only in 21 that a great plague is mentioned along with a sword and starvation, famine, sword and pestilence are the judgments.

So in 2020, did we also have a sword where we lost all kinds of people? Did we also have a famine where a bunch of people started dying of starvation at the same time that COVID showed up? No. If you start with the word of God and grasp its details and then look at the year 1970 or the year 2020, there is no real correspondence. It is a stretch and a reach and an attempt to connect two things that aren't connected.

21 verse six, if you want to find De ver Gadol, not chapter seven. And chapter 21 is about the onset of Nebuchadnezzar invading. And so if there's going to be a De ver Gadol, then we should be getting invaded in 2020 to bring about this plague, famine, sword, and so on.

And it just does not correspond. It is so unlike the only thing you can say is, well, some children died. Do you think in all of those chapters and verses and words of scripture that there's going to be children dying somewhere? If he'd been able to invoke Rachel weeping for her children at some specific year, he might have done that.

But it's forced. It's unnatural. It is trying to read current circumstances back into the word of God instead of being wise from the word of God and understanding circumstances.

You don't need a 50 year plague to communicate that God's not in favor of people messing up his creative process in a woman's womb. I don't need COVID to tell me that. And God has no covenant with the United States to say, as many children as you kill, I'm

going to take that many number of deaths in COVID, which is another one of his points.

And you can't find that anywhere. Same thing with his January 6th correspondence that 80 people were arrested on January 6th. It was in all the headlines.

I looked at all the headlines. I can't find 80 arrests on January 6th anywhere. And that Jehu had 80 men stand outside the Temple of Baal is the capital of the Temple of Baal.

And did 80 people wait outside for the congressmen to emerge and then kill them because they did the wrong thing? There's no correspondence between the fact that there is an 80 here and a supposed 80 there. There's no correspondence. And there's no lesson to be drawn.

What has January 6th got to do with Jehu purposely misleading worshipers of Baal to go to the Temple of Baal, lock the doors and burn it to the ground and kill all the Baal worshipers while ensuring that not a single worshiper of Yahweh was there. And if anybody tried to run out of the Temple of Baal, the 80 men of Jehu were there to slay them. And if they did not slay them, their own life would be taken.

These are the salient points of the Jehu story. And you can go on from there to the descendants of Ahab and the 70 or 72 heads in the baskets and so on. The descendants of Athaliah that are slain.

None of that is any correspondence. And those are the most important points. And we've been through it in detail.

You can go back and review those Kings and Prophets lessons. So Trump is not Jehu. Jehu is not a foreshadowing of Mr. Trump.

Mr. Trump didn't slay anybody. He didn't corral a bunch of pagan godless unbelievers that were corrupting worship in Israel. He didn't commit bloodshed despite people claiming that there's going to be a bloodbath on day one if he's re-elected.

He said it's economic. If he can't get in and fix the economy, there's going to be an economic bloodbath on day one of the opponent's administration. People twist these words.

And we don't want believers twisting circumstances, try to make it fit scripture, and then draw conclusions. Let me just say in a quick closing, there's a lot more you could say. He mentions the opening prayer given on January 5th when Congress meant to certify the election.

Emanuel Cleaver said, May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us and give us peace, peace in our families, peace across this land. And dare I ask, O Lord, peace even in this chamber for now and evermore. We ask it in the name of the monotheistic

God, Brahma, and God known by many names, by many different faiths, amen, and a woman.

And the guy is being cute and trying to be universal and soften the initial Judeo-Christian thrust of his prayer by throwing in Brahma, whatever monotheistic God that's known by many different names and different faiths, amen, and a woman. And so Jonathan Cahn says the name of Brahma was invoked, and that's the reason all hell broke loose on January 6th. And now he says the paradigm ordains that the one who walks in the footsteps of Jehu is going to be used to pull down Roe v. Wade.

And the correspondences there are very forced. It has no traction. It has no value for faith and practice for believers.

And you could pick anything related to the Supreme Court. Why Amy Coney Barrett, the video with the time going on, Shabbat Shuvah. There are so many traditional Jewish feasts and things, and they are tradition.

They are not scripture. He goes on about Shabbat Shuvah, the nation needs to repent of its sin. That's tradition.

It's not in scripture. He goes to the readings that are scheduled to be read in synagogues. There's two or three different cycles of those.

It's like the common book of prayer, and the Episcopalians have a cycle of readings. It's not biblical. It has no inspiration.

It's coincidence at best. So in conclusion, let me just say this. We start with the Bible.

We apply its truth in our daily lives. We don't start with circumstances and read them backward into scripture. That's number one.

Number two, if you've got a copy of Things to Come by J. Dwight Pentecost, turn to page four, the very beginning of that tome on prophecy, and read about the hazards of the allegorical method of Bible interpretation, where you don't spend any time on the literal truth of what scripture said. It's all about what I read into it in symbolism, in numerology, in harmonious conflation with other circumstances. That's the allegorical method, and it is untrustworthy.

That's where you get Mishnah and Talmud and a lot of Jewish wild-haired understandings and traditions. So J. Dwight Pentecost, Things to Come, page four and following. Read about the allegorical method and its hazards.

Number three, how are we to apply the Jubilee mystery? Again, go to Wikipedia, look at 1974, look at all the things that happened that are now 50 years on, and see if any of them affect our faith and practice for pure heart, good conscience, and sincere faith, for

being representatives of the truth, for one another love, neighbor love, enemy love, and so on. There is no value in seeing random correspondences, and they're always in retrospect. We don't say confidently, well, I'll tell you what's going to happen in 2027, because in 1977, here's what happened.

It always comes after the fact, and there's no way to verify speculations of this nature. They are stimulating ideas, but they distract and deflect from concentration on personal obedience and faithfulness. 2 Corinthians 13, 5 and 6, examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith.

Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you, unless, of course, you fail that test. If you're not in the faith, Christ is not in you.

If you're in the faith, test yourself and ensure that you are. Do you not realize that if you pass that test, Christ Jesus is in you? That's what counts. You're ready for anything.

5. Again, if you want to know about mysteries, read Colossians 1 and 2. Paul will tell you the genuine mysteries of God that we need to know. But again, in closing, I will say, to whatever extent these things stimulate interest and page-turning in the Bible, at least Christ is being preached. At least there is an exhortation to be aware that there is a spiritual element and component, and that's good.

What we do with that is what counts. Where do you go from that realization? Where do you go once you've searched the scriptures? What is the outcome in daily life? That's what matters. Now, I have a follow-on to this that I did not touch on this morning that goes back to the initial comment in passing where Jonathan Cahn says, the Bible says, the sons of Issachar knew the times.

This is what we'll look at probably Wednesday. I want to get this out of my system and off my plate. So this coming Wednesday, if you want to know the significance of the sons of Issachar knowing the times, that's going to come up this Wednesday.

If you can't be there for it, pick up the recording. I'll post it as soon as I'm able. Thank you for joining us this morning, and I hope it's been helpful to keep things in perspective, to have our enthusiasm and our motivation aimed in the right direction so that the outworking of it is faith and hope and love.

Father, thank you for the gift of your Spirit, the truth of your Word, the power that enables us, that guides us, that sets us on a straight course, that makes it possible for us to represent the Lord Jesus Christ Himself in this life on this earth. We pray that as we reflect on these truths that God the Holy Spirit will shine a light clearly on our path to encourage us to be faithful stewards of the truth, to work it out in our words and our works. We ask it in Jesus' name.

Amen.

